# U.S.ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NATIONAL AIR AND RADIATION ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY 540 S. MORRIS AVE., MONTGOMERY, AL 36115 RA226 ANALYSES

# REPORT OF SAMPLE DELIVERY GROUP #1200016

Project:

Dimock Residential GW Site, Dimock, PA - Follow-up work

Analysis method:

Radium-226 in Water: Rapid Method for High-Activity Samples

Report ID:

1200016-RA226

Report type:

Original 06/14/2012

Date reported: Total pages in report:

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#### **SAMPLES**

| NAREL<br>Sample # | Client Sample ID | Location  | Matrix           | Date<br>Collected | Date<br>Received |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| B2.05495G         | FB22             | PA:DIMOCK | ' WATER-DRINKING | 05/22/2012        | 05/23/2012       |
| B2.05496H         | HW64             | PA:DIMOCK | WATER-DRINKING   | 05/22/2012        | 05/23/2012       |
| B2.05497J         | FB23             | PA:DIMOCK | WATER-DRINKING   | 05/23/2012        | 05/24/2012       |
| B2.05498K         | HW63Z            | PA:DIMOCK | WATER-DRINKING   | 05/23/2012        | 05/24/2012       |
| B2.05499L         | HW62             | PA:DIMOCK | WATER-DRINKING * | 05/22/2012        | 05/24/2012       |
| B2.05500K         | HW63             | PA:DIMOCK | WATER-DRINKING   | 05/23/2012        | 05/24/2012       |

# **EXCEPTIONS**.

- 1. Packaging and shipping No problems were observed.
- 2. Documentation No problems were observed.
- 3. Sample preparation No problems were encountered.
- 4. Analysis No problems were encountered.
- 5. Holding times No holding times were specified.

# QUALITY CONTROL

- 1. QC samples All QC analysis results met NAREL acceptance criteria.
- 2. Yields All chemical yields were within acceptance limits.
- 3. Instruments Response and background checks for all instruments used in these analyses met NAREL acceptance criteria.

# **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this data report complies with the terms and conditions of the Quality Assurance Project Plan, except as noted above. Release of the data contained in this report has been authorized by the Director of the Center for Environmental Radioanalytical Laboratory Science and the NAREL Quality Assurance Manager, or their designees, as verified by the following signatures.

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6-18-12 Date

Acting Director, Center for Environmental Radioanalytical

Laboratory Science

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### SAMPLE TYPES

| BLD | Blind sample  |
|-----|---------------|
| FBK | Field blank   |
| SAM | Normal sample |

#### ANALYSIS OC TYPES

| ANA | Normal analysis  |
|-----|--|
| DUP | Laboratory duplicate   |
| LCS | Laboratory control sample (blank spike)                            |
| MS  | Matrix spike   |
| MSD | Matrix spike duplicate   |
| RBK | Method blank   |
| STD | External standard (used for <sup>228</sup> Ra yield determination) |

# **QUALITY INDICATORS**

| RPD | Relative Percent Difference   |
|-----|---|
| %R  | Percent Recovery  |
| Z   | Number of standard deviations by which a QC measurement differs from the expected value |

#### RADIOCHEMICAL DATA

Radiochemical analyses usually require the subtraction of an instrument background measurement result from a gross sample measurement result. Both values are positive, but when the sample activity is low, random variations in the two measurements can cause the gross value to be less than the background, resulting in a measured activity less than zero. Although negative activities have no physical significance, they do have statistical importance, as for example in the evaluation of trends or the comparison of two groups of samples.

To the extent practical, it is the policy of NAREL to report results as generated, whether positive, negative, or zero, together with the "2-sigma" measurement uncertainty and a sample-specific estimate of the minimum detectable concentration (MDC). The measurement result, uncertainty, and MDC are always expressed in the same unit of measurement.

# **EVALUATION OF QC ANALYSES**

A method blank result is considered unacceptable if it is more than 3 standard deviations below zero or more than 3 standard deviations above a predetermined upper control limit. For some analyses NAREL has set the upper control limit at zero. For others the control limit is a small positive number.

NAREL evaluates the results of duplicate and spike analyses using "Z scores." A Z score is the number of standard deviations by which the QC result differs from its ideal value. The score is considered acceptable if its absolute value is not greater than 3.

The Z score for a spiked sample is computed by dividing the difference between the measured value and the target value by the combined standard uncertainty of the difference.

The Z score for a duplicate analysis is computed by dividing the difference between the two measured values by the combined standard uncertainty of the difference. When the precision of paired MS/MSD analyses is evaluated, the native sample activity is subtracted from each measured value and the net concentrations are then converted to total activities before the Z score is computed.

Each standard uncertainty used to compute a Z score includes an additional fixed term to represent sources of measurement error other than counting error. This additional term is not used in the evaluation of method blanks.

NAREL reports the "relative percent difference," or RPD, between duplicate results and the "percent recovery," or %R, for spiked analyses, but does not use these values for evaluation.

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# ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Analysis method:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Title:

Radium-226 in Water: Rapid Method for High-Activity Samples

| NAREL Sample #  | Client Sample ID | QC<br>Type | Date<br>Completed | Preparation<br>Batch # | Assay<br>Batch # |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| B2.05495G       | FB22             |            | 06/14/2012        | 0008827N               | 0016042T         |
| B2.05496H       | HW64             |            | 06/14/2012        | 0008827N               | 0016042T         |
| B2.05497J       | FB23             |            | 06/14/2012        | 0008827N               | 0016042T         |
| B2.05498K       | HW63Z            | 1          | 06/14/2012        | 0008827N               | 0016042T         |
| B2.05499L       | HW62             |            | 06/14/2012        | 0008827N               | 0016042Т         |
| B2.05499L       | HW62             | DUP        | 06/14/2012        | 0008827N               | 0016042T         |
| B2.05500K       | HW63             |            | 06/14/2012        | 0008827N               | 0016042T         |
| LCS-00640374Q * |                  | LCS        | 06/14/2012        | 0008827N               | 0016042T         |
| RBK-00640373P * |                  | RBK        | 06/14/2012        | 0008827N               | 0016042T         |

<sup>\*</sup> Samples marked with an asterisk are not in this sample delivery group but were analyzed with it for QC purposes.

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# SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab sample #:

B2.05495G

FB22

Amount analyzed:

2.000e-01 L

Client sample ID:

WATER-DRINKING

Preparation batch #: 0008827N

Matrix:

2012-05-22 11:58 EDT

Assay batch #: Prep procedure: 0016042T N/A

Collected: Sample type:

SAM

Analysis method:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst:

PH

Ash/dry weight:

N/A

QC type:

ANA

Sample description:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

# **COUNTING INFORMATION**

|   | Date and time    | Duration (min) | Detector ID | Operator |
|---|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| - | 06/13/2012 15:48 | 1000.0         | AS73        | GVJ      |

|         |          | ±2σ         |           |       |                      |
|---------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|
| Analyte | Activity | Uncertainty | MDC       | Unit  | Reference Date       |
| Ra226   | 7.96e-02 | 8.9e-02     | · 1.3e-01 | PCI/L | 06/12/2012 11:53 CDT |

#### SDG #1200016

# SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab sample #:

B2.05496H

Amount analyzed:

2.000e-01 L

Client sample ID:

HW64

Preparation batch #: 0008827N

Matrix:

WATER-DRINKING

Assay batch #:

0016042T

Collected:

2012-05-22 11:10 EDT

Prep procedure:

N/A

Sample type:

SAM

Analysis method:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst:

PH

Ash/dry weight:

N/A

QC type:

ANA

Sample description: Comment:

N/A N/A

# **COUNTING INFORMATION**

| Date and time    | Duration (min) | Detector ID | Operator |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 06/13/2012 15:48 | 0.0001         | AS74        | GVJ      |

|         |          | ±2 σ        |         |       |                       |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|-------|-----------------------|
| Analyte | Activity | Uncertainty | MDC     | Unit  | Reference Date        |
| Ra226   | 1.73e-02 | 4.8e-02     | 8.5e-02 | PCI/L | .06/12/2012 12:10 CDT |

#### SDG #1200016

# SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab sample #:

B2.05497J

Amount analyzed:

2.000e-01 L

Client sample ID:

FB23

Preparation batch #: 0008827N

Matrix:

Assay batch #:

0016042T

Collected:

WATER-DRINKING 2012-05-23 13:25 EDT

Prep procedure:

N/A

Sample type:

SAM

Analysis method:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst:

PΗ

Ash/dry weight:

N/A

QC type:

ANA

Sample description:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

# **COUNTING INFORMATION**

| Date and time    | Duration (min) | Detector ID | Operator |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 06/13/2012 15:48 | 1000.0         | AS77        | GVJ      |

|         |          | ±2 σ        |         |       |                      |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| Analyte | Activity | Uncertainty | MDC     | Unit  | Reference Date       |
| Ra226   | 2.97e-02 | 6.3e-02     | 1.1e-01 | PCI/L | 06/12/2012 12:02 CDT |

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# SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab sample #:

B2.05498K

Amount analyzed:

2.000e-01 L

Client sample ID:

HW63Z

Preparation batch #: 0008827N

Matrix:

WATER-DRINKING

Assay batch #:

0016042T

Collected:

2012-05-23 13:10 EDT

N/A

Prep procedure:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Sample type: Dry/wet weight: SAM

Analysis method:

Ash/dry weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type: PH ANA

Sample description:

N/A N/A

Comment:

N/A

# **COUNTING INFORMATION**

| Date and time    | Duration (min) | Detector ID | Operator |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 06/13/2012 15:48 | 1000.0         | AS80        | GVJ      |

|         |          | ±2 σ        |         |       |                      |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| Analyte | Activity | Uncertainty | MDC     | Unit  | Reference Date       |
| Ra226   | 2.35e-01 | 1.2e-01     | 8.4e-02 | PCI/L | 06/12/2012 12:07 CDT |

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# SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab sample #:

B2.05499L

Amount analyzed:

2.000e-01 L

Client sample ID:

HW62

Preparation batch #: 0008827N

Matrix:

WATER-DRINKING

Assay batch #:

0016042T

Collected:

Comment:

2012-05-22 15:59 EDT

Prep procedure:

N/A

Sample type:

SAM

Analysis method:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type: PH ANA

Ash/dry weight: Sample description: N/A

N/A N/A

# **COUNTING INFORMATION**

| Date and time    | Duration (min) | Detector ID | Operator |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 06/13/2012 15:48 | 1000.0         | AS82        | GVJ      |

|         |          | ±2σ         |         |       |                      |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| Analyte | Activity | Uncertainty | MDC     | Unit  | Reference Date       |
| Ra226   | 6.97e-02 | 8.1e-02     | 1.1e-01 | PCI/L | 06/12/2012 12:06 CDT |

# SDG #1200016

# SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab sample #:

B2.05499L

Amount analyzed:

2.000e-01 L

Client sample ID:

HW62

Preparation batch #: 0008827N

Matrix:

WATER-DRINKING

Assay batch #:

0016042T

Collected:

2012-05-22 15:59 EDT

Prep procedure:

N/A

Sample type:

SAM N/A

Analysis method:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight: Ash/dry weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type: PHDUP

Sample description:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

# **COUNTING INFORMATION**

| Date and time    | Duration (min) | Detector ID | Operator |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 06/13/2012 15:48 | 1000.0         | AS83        | GVJ      |

|         |          | ±2σ         |         |       |                      |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| Analyte | Activity | Uncertainty | MDC     | Unit  | Reference Date       |
| Ra226   | 1.05e-02 | 4.7e-02     | 9.0e-02 | PCI/L | 06/12/2012 12:32 CDT |

#### SDG #1200016

# SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab sample #:

B2.05500K

Amount analyzed:

2.000e-01 L

Client sample ID:

HW63

Preparation batch #: 0008827N

Matrix:

WATER-DRINKING

Assay batch #:

0016042T

Collected:

2012-05-23 13:09 EDT

Prep procedure:

N/A

Sample type:

SAM

Analysis method:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A.

Analyst:

PΗ

Ash/dry weight:

N/A

QC type:

ANA

Sample description: Comment:

N/A N/A

# **COUNTING INFORMATION**

| Date and time    | Duration (min) | Detector ID | Operator |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 06/13/2012 15:48 | 1000.0         | AS84        | GVJ      |

|         |          | ±2σ         |         |       |                      |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| Analyte | Activity | Uncertainty | MDC     | Unit. | Reference Date       |
| Ra226   | 2.11e-01 | 1.2e-01     | 9.7e-02 | PCI/L | 06/12/2012 12:08 CDT |

# SDG #1200016

# SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab sample #:

LCS-00640374Q

Amount analyzed:

1.000e+00 SAMP

Client sample ID:

N/A

Preparation batch #: 0008827N

Matrix:

N/A

Assay batch #:

0016042T

Collected:

N/A

Prep procedure:

N/A

Sample type: Dry/wet weight:

N/A N/A Analysis method: Analyst:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM PH

Ash/dry weight:

N/A

QC type:

LCS

Sample description: Comment:

N/A N/A

# **COUNTING INFORMATION**

| Date and time    | Duration (min) | Detector ID | Operator |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 06/13/2012 15:48 | 1000.0         | AS85        | GVJ      |

| -       |          | ±2 σ        |         |      |                      |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|------|----------------------|
| Analyte | Activity | Uncertainty | MDC     | Unit | Reference Date       |
| Ra226   | 3.60e+00 | 4.0e-01     | 1.8e-02 | PCI  | 06/12/2012 12:01 CDT |

# SDG #1200016

# SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab sample #:

RBK-00640373P

Amount analyzed:

1.000e+00 SAMP

Client sample ID:

N/A

Matrix:

N/A

Preparation batch #: 0008827N

0016042T

Collected:

N/A

Assay batch #: Prep procedure:

N/A

Sample type:

N/A

Analysis method:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst:

PH

Ash/dry weight: Sample description: N/A N/A QC type:

RBK

Comment:

N/A

# **COUNTING INFORMATION**

| Date and time    | Duration (min) | Detector ID | Operator |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 06/13/2012 15:48 | 1000.0         | AS86        | GVJ      |

|         |          | ±2 σ        |         |      |                      |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|------|----------------------|
| Analyte | Activity | Uncertainty | MDC     | Unit | Reference Date       |
| Ra226   | 4.87e-03 | 1.0e-02     | 1.7e-02 | PCI  | 06/12/2012 12:04 CDT |

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# PREPARATION BATCH SUMMARY

Preparation batch #:

0008827N

Analysis method:

NAREL RA226-EICHROM

Preparation procedure:

N/A

|                 | ·                |            | QC   |          | ±2 σ        |         |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|------|----------|-------------|---------|
| NAREL Sample #  | Client Sample ID | Analysis#  | Туре | Yield    | Uncertainty | Analyst |
| B2.05495G       | FB22             | 00638940D  |      | 93.04 %  | 8.35 %      | PH      |
| B2.05496H       | HW64             | 00638946K  |      | 88.55 %  | 8.06 %      | · PH    |
| B2.05497J       | FB23             | 00638952H  |      | 95.88 %  | 9.16 %      | PH      |
| B2.05498K       | HW63Z            | .00638973N |      | 88.54 %  | 8.01 %      | PH      |
| B2.05499L       | HW62             | 00638958P  |      | 89.20 %  | 8.77 %      | PH      |
| B2.05499L       | HW62             | 00640372N  | DUP  | 90.72 %  | 8.90 %      | PH      |
| B2.05500K       | HW63             | 00638964M  |      | 97.55 %  | 9.31 %      | PH      |
| LCS-00640374Q * |                  | 00640374Q  | LCS  | 92.83 %  | 9.08 %      | PH      |
| RBK-00640373P * |                  | 00640373P  | RBK  | 101.75 % | 9.68 %      | PH      |
|                 |                  |            |      | 1 :      |             | 1       |

<sup>\*</sup> Samples marked with an asterisk are not in this sample delivery group but were analyzed with it for QC purposes.

# QC RESULTS FOR BATCH 0008827N

| NAREL Sample # | Analysis# | QC<br>Type | Analyte | %R    | RPD   | z     | Evaluation |
|----------------|-----------|------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| B2.05499L      | 00640372N | DUP        | RA226   |       | 147.5 | -1.26 | PASS       |
| LCS-00640374Q  | 00640374Q | LCS        | RA226   | 107.1 |       | 1.15  | PASS       |
| RBK-00640373P  | 00640373P | RBK        | RA226   |       |       |       | PASS       |